

www.LRCADC.org

"A Community Newsletter" —LRCA, P.O. Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039 (202)930-5473

LRCA OFFICERS

President
Uchenna Evans
202-930-5473
info@lrcadc.org

1st Vice President
Gwen Cofield
202-832-0660

2nd Vice President
Barbara Rogers
202-904-1027

Treasurer
Iyanna Ndomale
202-573-9467

Recording Secretary
Helen Li

Corresponding Secretary
Vandalia Joyner-Taylor

Financial Secretary
Sheila King
863-648-4651

Trustees:
Thomas Blanton
Lauren Boyd
Charon Hines
Linda Hodges
LaRoya Huff
Olga Naidenko
Sarah Shank
Tanya Slade
Lisa Wray

ANC 4B07
Geoff Bromaghim
4b07@anc.dc.gov

ANC 4B08
Alison Brooks
4b08@anc.dc.gov

ANC 4B09
LaRoya Huff
4b09@anc.dc.gov

ANC 5A01
Frank Wilds
202-635-6215
ANC 5A08
Gordon Fletcher
5a08@anc.dc.gov

Yahoo Group:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/
LamondRiggsCommunity

Online at:
www.LRCADC.org
Phone: 202-930-5473

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year Lamond-Riggs,

Please join us for our next meeting on February 4. DC Fire & EMS will provide updates on the Right Care, Right Now initiative. In addition, DDOT Director Jeff Marootian will join us to provide updates on pedestrian safety improvements along the South Dakota Avenue/Riggs Road NE corridor and an update on the Met Branch Trail extension. Going forward, our monthly meetings will need to end promptly at 8:30 pm. LaSalle-Backus has kindly hosted LRCA meetings for many years and requested this change so that the school's custodial staff can have enough time to clean and lock the school for the next school day.

Inside the newsletter, please find information about spring clean planning, upcoming public safety meeting, and a neighborhood oral history project.

Budget season is almost here, so now is the time to submit neighborhood budget requests to our elected officials. Making our requests known makes a difference to improving the neighborhood. Please email us at info@lrcadc.org with a description of the item you would like to see included in the budget, the need for the item, how many people will be impacted by the item, and the estimated cost.

We are excited to announce the LRCA college scholarship application period is open! Graduating high school seniors in Lamond-Riggs who attend a traditional public or public charter school in DC are welcome to apply. Please visit <https://lrcadc.com/scholarships> for the application package and eligibility requirements. Applications are due April 2, 2019. Thank you to those of you have paid dues and made additional monetary donations in support of the scholarship program. If you have not done so, there is still time to submit dues payments. Easily pay your membership dues online at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca>. Alternatively, fill out the last page of the newsletter and bring it with payment to the next LRCA meeting on February 4, or mail your membership form with payment check to LRCA, PO Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039.

In Service,
Uchenna Evans

NOTICES & AGENDA

LRCA Meetings

General meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month from October thru June, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm at:

LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
501 Riggs Road, NE, Washington, DC, 20011

The next LRCA meetings will be held on:
Monday, February 4, 2019
Monday, March 4, 2019
Monday, April 1, 2019
7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (off Madison Street NE).

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Officers Reports: Minutes/Treasurer
3. Public Safety Report
4. Guest Speakers
5. Updates from ANC and Elected Officials
6. Committee Updates
7. Community Concerns

Safety News**MPD Realignment**

All of Lamond-Riggs is now in PSA 406, Sector 2
Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christain
bryan.christian@dc.gov; cell phone (202) 439-6326

LRCA public safety meeting

February 5, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center (501 Riggs Rd. NE)
Information about shotspotters, crime cameras, community engagement, request for daytime foot patrols

311 vs. 911

DC has revived 311 for non-emergency calls. Call 311 for non-emergency issues such as noise complaints, vandalism, and non-occupied vehicle-related incidents. Continue to call 911 for all emergencies.

ANC 5A Public Meeting

January 30, 2019
6:45 pm
UDC-CC Backus (5171 South Dakota Avenue NE)

ANC 4B Monthly Public Meeting

4th Monday monthly
MPD 4D Headquarters (6001 Georgia Avenue NW)

LaSalle-Backus Free Food Pantry

3rd Thursday monthly, 4:00 pm
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus (501 Riggs Rd. NE)
Free bags of groceries for community residents

SPECIAL THANKS

Printing of this newsletter brought to you by:

Tanya Slade, REALTOR®
Long and Foster Real Estate Inc
Office - 202-526-7141
Cell - 571-235-7191
Tanya.Slade@LongandFoster.com

**Sign up for Summer Youth Employment Program**

DC residents ages 16-24 can now apply for the summer youth employment program. Applications will be accepted until February 16, 2019. Visit www.summerjobs.dc.gov

Earth Day Spring Clean-up Planning

If you are interested in joining the planning committee for our Earth Day Spring Clean, contact Olga Naidenko at olga.naidenko@gmail.com

LRCA Insulated Tote Bag

At our next meeting on February 4, we will have a limited number of LRCA-branded insulated tote bags for sale for \$5.00 each. Pick one up and support LRCA. Sponsored by LRCA board member Sarah Shank

**New Ward 4 Mayor's Office Liaison (MOCR)**

Gabrielle Priest recently joined KeShawn Harris in the Mayor's Office as the second Ward 4 MOCR.
Phone: (202) 724-7672
Cell: (202) 436-2087
Email: gabrielle.priest2@dc.gov

Help with DC Water Bill

The Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC) helps to pay for legally mandated water infrastructure improvements. This fee has increased in recent years. The CRIAC Residential Relief Program provides relief for income-eligible DC Water customers. For information about income restrictions and types of assistance available, visit <https://doe.dc.gov/service/residential.criacrelief>. For questions, call 311 or email criac.residential@dc.gov.

Shutdown Resource Page

District government has created a resource page for those impacted by the federal shutdown. Please visit <https://dc.gov/shutdown>

LRCA

LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes LaSalle-Backus Education Campus December 3, 2018

President Uchenna Evans opened the meeting at 7:06pm. A motion to approve the November General Meeting Minutes was approved by membership with an amendment.*

MPD, Sergeant Roth – Crime reports year to date: Sector One (401,402, and 406) - total violent crime is down. Property crime is up 25% being driven up by burglaries, mainly theft from autos. Sector 1 has a lot of businesses (Walmart, CVS, and 7-Eleven), so any theft occurring at those stores are reported as Sector 1 crimes; Sector 2 – Violent crime is down and 2% increase in property crime. A lot of burglaries occur during the day while people are at work. When you leave the house, consider leaving the television or a light on to make it seem like the house is not empty. Around this time of year, keep Christmas presents out of sight and do not hide gifts in cars. Do not leave anything of value in view. Sergeant Roth reminds everyone to be vigilant when walking home, especially at night, and to make sure you are paying attention to your surroundings. Security camera rebate programs are still available. The MPD relies on community to report any suspicious activity. Please report any activity immediately – reports can also be submitted anonymously. All contact information located at www.mpd.dc.gov.

Iyanna Ndomale, Treasurer – The report for Quarter ending November 30 – started the Quarter with \$7,334 and income for quarter totaled \$7,716, mostly ticket sales from the 70th anniversary lunch, donations, and membership dues. Total expenses for the Quarter equal \$6,419, primarily for 70th anniversary expenses and one outstanding scholarship payment. Ended the Quarter with a balance of \$8,630. Membership approved budget report as stated by treasurer.

LaRoya Huff, Director of Constituent Services for Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd –The 18th Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party and New Coat Drive will be on December 8 from 6-8pm at Lafayette Elementary. Call 202-724-8106 if you have any questions. Mayor's Annual Holiday Party will be on Wednesday, December 12 from 10am to 2pm at the DC Armory 200 East Capitol Street. Senior Toolkits were provided for members to pick up at the meeting and additional packets available upon request.

Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director for Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie – Mayor has been working with the CM's office to identify to take the W Street trash transfer station by eminent domain. The Mayor's approach is to use it for warehousing and storage for the City – the bill was passed on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Providence Hospital closing will be extended to April 30, 2019 – they are only treating low acuity illnesses at this time. There is not yet a definition for low acuity from the hospital. Ward 5 Holiday Party will December 19 from 6pm-9pm at Dock 5 Union Market. Senior transportation will be provided.

Dr. Anthony Ramdass, Owner of Ramdass Pharmacy – Ramdass Pharmacy is a local drug store that opened at the Modern at Art Place in August 2018 and provides deliveries of prescriptions and vaccinations. Dr. Ramdass is working with community leaders to ensure a smooth transition after the closing of the Providence Hospital pharmacy, since Ramdass may be the closest pharmacy to this neighborhood after Providence closes. There was an incident last week where three masked thieves assaulted the pharmacy cashier and Dr. Ramdass in search for narcotics. MPD was very responsive to the situation and Dr. Ramdass is grateful for the concern of neighbors who checked in on him and the cashier afterwards. He is proud to be a part of the neighborhood and hopes everyone will stop by to introduce themselves and say hello.

Wesley Dawson, DDOT Ward 4 and 5 Community Engagement Liaison – Wesley is one of six on staff working on a number of issues with LRCA and the ANC Commissioners. Looking to add more static pedestrian crossing signs on the light poles along the South Dakota Avenue corridor all the way up to Riggs Road. Work orders to get signs for "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" up in areas where applicable. The majority of signs that you see on the street are done by hand, which means that creation and installation can take 30-60 days. Hawk lights at Ingraham and South Dakota intersection – a traffic study was conducted and found that the numbers are low for pedestrian traffic during that time but a new new traffic study will be conducted again in the new year. Brainstorming meeting on December 12 at 6:30pm at Lamond Riggs Library to talk about Ingraham and South Dakota.

Ben Turner, Anacostia River Keeper – Organization is dedicated to a fishable, swimmable Anacostia River. The organization was recently funded by DOEE to lead a citizens science water testing project. Volunteers will take water tests from Potomac and Anacostia Rivers to help create policy to drive environmental change in DC. This activity is good for children and adults interested in science or public health. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact monitor@anacostiariverkeeper.org

Gwen Cofield, Development Task Force – There is a fitness center that has signed a letter of intent for the Modern at Art Place but the operator is confidential. There will be a day care operator coming to the site as well. Family entertainment zone and grocer anticipated to be announced this month. Fort Totten South – working on final stages of community benefits agreement with EYA. FAQs were provided to those in attendance at the meeting and available at LRCADC.org.

Ariel Trahan and Stacy Lucas, Anacostia Watershed Society – Members voted on three storm drain mural designs for April 2019. Kids will be encouraged to come out and paint the murals in the spring with the artists.

ANC Commissioner Tischa Cockrell (4B09) – There will be a tax and revenue workshop for seniors on December 6. Make sure to bring your Drivers License or other form of photo ID with you. The session will provide tips and information regarding taxes and property taxes. December 6 at 6:30on at the at Riggs LaSalle Rec Center multipurpose room

Mayor's Holiday Party is on December 12, Seniors holiday party – if interested, please sign up at the Riggs LaSalle Rec Center for transportation.

*November 2018 meeting minutes original stated "Mr. Wilds motioned to open up general membership meetings with a Christian prayer instead of a silent invocation." Rodney Foxworth motioned to amend to "Mr. Wilds reintroduced a motion originally introduced in October 2018 to open up general membership meetings with a Christian prayer instead of a silent invocation."

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. /s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary.

Oral History Project by Sarah Shank

After living in DC for more than 20 years – in many different neighborhoods across the District – I’m proud to now call Lamond-Riggs home. While I’m a newcomer to the neighborhood (going on 2 years now), I picked to live in this neighborhood for a few reasons: its established community, commitment to its residents, and the neighborhood family feel that it retains. I’m continually amazed by the civic engagement that residents have and the rich history that surrounds us.

- We are a neighborhood of firsts.**
- We are a neighborhood of activists.**
- We are a neighborhood of families.**

Founded in 1980, HumanitiesDC aims to enrich the quality of life, foster intellectual stimulation, and promote cross-cultural understanding and appreciation of local history in all neighborhoods of the District. They allow neighborhood organizations and individuals to apply for [grants](#) to help document and share their story of DC through oral histories. Through these DC Oral History Collaborative grants, HumanitiesDC aims to document and preserve the stories and memories of residents by making existing oral history recordings more accessible and giving residents the training and financial resources they need to conduct quality interviews.

I’m eager to apply on behalf of our neighborhood because I see tremendous value in the stories that we have in Lamond-Riggs. But to do this, I need the help and support of all my neighbors and friends. Our residents have a unique view of this Capital city that should not only be recorded, but also shared.

- Send me your ideas.**
- Send me your photos (I promise to scan and return them).**
- Tell me your memories.**

The grant application was submitted on January 25, 2019. If we are awarded the grant, the funds will be used to record oral histories from five to ten Lamond-Riggs residents. We will supplement the recordings with photos. And if we have more people who want to tell their stories, we can always do more! Also, if we don’t win the grant, I still hope to begin collecting stories and documenting the legacy of our community and its residents so that this rich history can live on for generations to come. I’m confident that by collecting and sharing these stories, we’ll be able to instill the same sense of community and activism in the next generation, so that they can continue to make this neighborhood one of firsts and families – much like it has always been.

Please send me a note directly at sarahshank@gmail.com or call (202) 213-5408

----- (Cut here and mail your membership form with payment, or bring to the next meeting) -----

Membership Form - October 2018 through September 2019
LAMOND-RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 60272 - WASHINGTON, DC 20039

Your membership donation may be **tax-deductible**. LRCA is a 501(c)3 public charity. Please consult with your tax professional.

Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Evening Phone #	Daytime Phone #
1				
<i>Email:</i>				<i># Children at home:</i>
2				
<i>Email:</i>				
<i>Address:</i>				Washington, DC 20011
I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):			Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other	
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>Membership</i>		<i>City Services/ Public Safety</i>
<i>Budget/Audit</i>	<i>Environmental</i>	<i>Communications</i>		<i>Development Task Force</i>
<i>Education</i>		<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>		<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>
Tax-deductible Membership & Donation:	Individual \$10	Household \$15 (2 adult members)	Corporate \$50	Additional Donation \$
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	Date Paid: / /	Amount Paid: \$	Pymt Type: CK CA MO CC	Member #: 17-18 18-19 19-20